



AUG 14 2003

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

08-15-03

RCE/128,00

Application Number: 09/990,199

Filing Date: November 21, 2001

First Named Inventor: Korber

Group Art Unit: 2833

Examiner Name: Vu, Hien D.

Attorney Docket Number: 608.0003USQ

#14  
9-3-03  
Robert  
RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Previously submitted

i. \_\_\_\_\_ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. **XXX** Enclosedi. **XXX** Amendment/Reply

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. **XXX** The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467.i. **XXX** RCE fee (\$750.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)  
ii. **XXX** Extension of Time fee (\$820.00) (\$110 paid 6/16/03) (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. **XXX** Check in the amount of \$ 1,570.00 enclosed  
c. \_\_\_\_\_ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

August 14, 2003

Date of Signature

08/18/2003 MBIZUNES 00000010 09990109

01 FC:1801

750.00 OP

Charles N.J. Ruggiero  
Attorney for Applicant  
Ohlant, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle, L.L.P.  
One Landmark Square, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Stamford, Connecticut 06901-2682  
Reg. No. 28,468  
Telephone: (203) 327-4500  
Telefax: (203) 327 6401

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING**

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Certificate No. EV 357652890 US service under 37 CFR §1.10 and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on August 14, 2003.

Mary R. Charles  
(Typed name of person mailing paper)

(Signature of person mailing paper)

RECEIVED  
AUG 19 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800